GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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GAS CRACKER PROJECTJ ASSAM
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government was drawn to the recent students` agitations in Assam led by all Assam Students` Union, relating to the Agreement for Reliance Gas Cracker;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the issues involved therein;

(c) the response of the Government in regard thereto; and

(d) the progress made so far in setting up of the gas cracker project in Assam?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (d) All Assam Students Union from time to time has been agitating for implementation of Assam Accord in letter & spirit. Since a substantial amount of subsidy for supplying feed stock/gas at concessional rates for the project was required, it was considered advisable to involve some public sector undertaking for the implementation of the Assam Gas Cracker Project. Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) was asked to give their views about the viability of the project and whether they could take up this project. The views of GAIL have been received. They have sought certain additional concessions from the Central/State Government. They have also requested for suppiy of additional gasffedstock for the project. Based on the concessions already agreed to/additional concessions sought, they have indicated their willingness to implement the project.